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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

MANUFACTURING A

SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE

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Dear Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.136, Applicants respectfully petition the Commissioner for a three-month extension of time extending to April 1, 2005, the period for response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2004. A check which includes the amount of \$1,020.00 is enclosed. The responsive papers are attached.

Please charge any insufficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-1314. A copy of this petition is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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